

LAST AMATEUR CLUB OUT OF F.A. CUP

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From a Staff Reporter

Wycombe Wanderers 0, Guildford City 1

The interest of amateur clubs in this season's F.A. Cup competition is at an end. One untidy goal after 16 minutes of the second half at Loakes Park last night was enough to finish their last representatives, Wycombe Wanderers, and Guildford City, of the Southern League, now go to test their limited skills against Queen's Park Rangers in the second round.

It was just the sort of goal which so often decides evenly fought cup ties, just as this was typical of that type of match; full of hard endeavour, end-to-end play, and near misses never quite as close as the "oohs" from the crowd would have had us believe.

Wycombe were trying hard to settle down to the rhythm which they had found in the first half. Guildford forced a corner on the right. Baker, with ample time, failed to clear, and with three Guildford boots, in turn, taking a stab at the ball, the right one of Stevens found the target.

Within minutes Maskell had grabbed the ball from Vafiadis from a poor back pass by Bradshaw, and Lill, for once showing the sort of form which once made him a more than useful winger with Wolverhampton and Everton, cut inside Beck and a fine left-foot shot found the target under Maskell's cross-bar, only for the score to be disallowed for offside against another Guildford forward. In spite of all this, the amateurs were hard done by.

BEST FORWARD

In swirling mist and on a muddy, slippery pitch, which tilts diagonally, it was the amateurs who provided the few football skills. There were one or two useful-looking moves, usually involving Baker, Wycombe's diminutive right half, and nearly always ending at Worley, who, for the first 45 minutes, was the best forward on view. Guildford withdrew Colfar to help Watts in his efforts to stop this threat, and their methods, particularly Watts's, which were often crude, earned the displeasure of the crowd and the referee and left Worley limping at half-time.

But when their right winger faded in the second half more was seen of Bates, on the other flank, slow, perhaps, of movement but thoughtful of mind. Roystone, too, never gave up trying, particularly in the second half when he all but played himself into the mud to wipe out the injustice which had befallen his team. But all Wycombe's efforts could not erase their failure to finish what they had started, although Porter, the Guildford captain, had a word or two to say about that, and Hunt, with his head in the first half and a foot in the second, twice cleared off his line with Vasper lost.

Until their goal, only one or two runs by Vafiadis had given Guildford cause for hope

and only long shots by Beck, Stevens and Lill had brought Maskell into action. Stevens's effort, in fact, hit the outside of the far post, but then Baker, with a 20-yard ground shot, which was within a coat of paint of going likewise at the other end, cancelled that one out. Guildford offered few collective moves; only moments of inspiration by players, such as Cliss, who had once played in higher company.

After the goal, Wycombe struggled for a while, like a boxer trying to clear his head, but then they came again against a defence who were quite prepared to clear the ball anywhere to ease the pressure. Three quick corners were forced on the right and a fine effort by Bates, as he pulled the ball down and shot in one movement, flew narrowly wide. But that one blow in the end proved enough to collect the verdict.

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REFREL.—B. J. Homewood (Middlesex).

WYCOMBE GO OUT TO A 'SOFT' GOAL

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WYCOMBE WANDERERS, last amateurs in the FA Cup, gave Guildford another fright before the Southern League professionals won this first-round replay and with it a money-spinning second-round tie away to Queen's Park Rangers.

Some half-time words by Guildford manager Albert Tennant swayed the match after Wycombe had threatened the KO in the first-half.

Said Tennant afterwards: "We played defensively in the first-half, primarily to check Wycombe right-winger Worley. Then I told my lads to go flat out on attack."

Guildford swept into match-winning action, but it was a soft 61st-minute goal that took them through. Mickey Lill, one-time Wolves right-wing star, baffled the Wycombe defence with a long throw-in, and after the ball had bounced around the goalmouth, centre-forward John Stevens—who hit a post in the first half—toe-ended it into the net.

Five minutes later Lill hit a great left-footer into the net but was ruled offside.

Stevens goal
puts out
Wycombe

By ALEX BANNISTER

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AMATEUR Wycombe went out of the FA Cup on their own sloping pitch last night—and were a little unlucky to do so.

Twice Hunt saved on the line when all seemed lost for Guildford and but for his positional intuition the whole course of the match might have been altered.

The goal came after an hour when Lill took a long throw in by the corner flag and Stevens stabbed home.

In a good first half Len Worley tormented Guildford and Colfar was brought back to assist the harassed Watts. But still Worley proved troublesome and in the end Watts had his name taken.

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